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FOR USOECD

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS; EFIN, BE, PO  
SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL

REF: STATE 155135

1. IN THE LAST TWO DAYS DCM RENNER HAS TALKED TO MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL GROOTHAERT, MFA CHEF DE CABINET CAHEN, AND THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR HERE IN AN EFFORT TO UP THE BELGIAN ANTE. IN TALKING TO THE BELGIANS, RENNER STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF BELGIUM INCREASING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO AT LEAST TEN MILLION DOLLARS AND ASKED POINTEDLY WHETHER SIMONET, AS A SOCIALIST FOREIGN MINISTER, WOULD WANT BELGIUM TO DO CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN ANYONE ELSE FOR THE SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL.

2. GROOTHAERT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THREE MILLION DOLLARS WAS NOT ADEQUATE AND AGREED TO REOPEN THE QUESTION. HE ASKED FOR A RUN-DOWN OF WHAT THE OTHER COUNTRIES HAD AGREED TO DO. FOLLOWING A PHONE CALL TO BOEKER, THE FIGURES WERE GIVEN TO GROOTHAERT.

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3. CAHEN ALSO THOUGHT THAT BELGIUM SHOULD DO MORE. RENNER ASKED WHETHER BELGIUM, IN ITS CAPACITY AS EC PRESIDENT, WOULD NOT FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE WITH SUCH A SMALL AMOUNT AS THREE MILLION DOLLARS. CAHEN THOUGHT THIS WAS A GOOD ARGUMENT AND SAID THAT THE MATTER WAS NOT CLOSED. HE HINTED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO DO MORE. CAHEN WAS ALSO GIVEN THE RUN-DOWN OF WHAT THE OTHER COUNTRIES

ARE CONTEMPLATING.

4. RENNER BRIEFED THE NEW PORTUGESE AMBASSADOR HERE O  
THE STATE OF PLAY AND URGED HIM ALSO TO PRESSURE THE  
BELGIANS TO DO MORE. THE PORTUGESE AMBASSADOR, WHO SEEMS  
TO BE FAST ON THE DRAW, WILL TRY TO SEE THE BELGIANS THIS  
WEEK. CHAMBERS

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